

## **Appendix D**

### **JOINT COORDINATION**

#### **I. Introduction**

The seriousness of the allegations and the importance of the alliance between the United States and Republic of Korea prompted the Secretary of Defense to establish two groups in addition to the U.S. Review Team (mentioned in Chapter 1). The two groups established by the Secretary Defense were a Department of Defense-level Steering Group, chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and a group of distinguished American citizens as Outside Experts. The mission of these groups was to provide guidance, oversight and professional advice to the U.S. Review Team. In addition to meeting with the U.S. Review Team, these groups would meet with their Republic of Korea counterparts in both the United States and the Republic of Korea during the review process.

Most interactions and contacts were between the U.S. Review Team and the ROK Review Team. These two teams met at regular intervals and had at least weekly contact exchanging information, documents and views.

#### **II. Joint Meetings**

The first ROK-U.S. Working Group (i.e. Action Officer-level) meeting was held in the Republic of Korea on October 29, 1999. A series of meetings followed (Tab 1). The first meeting laid the framework for the review, established the relevant questions to be answered, and set timelines and milestones. During this visit, the apparatus to exchange information was established and the type of information to be exchanged was discussed.

One coordination meeting held in the United States, in addition to normal discussions, was devoted to demonstrating the methods used by the U.S. Research Team. During the visit, senior members of the ROK Review Team accompanied by some United States Outside Experts visited the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland. While there, they met and spoke with members of the U.S. Research Team. The ROK Review Team saw first hand both the amount and type of information that was being gathered by the U.S. Review Team. In addition to meeting with the Research Team, the group participated in a tour given by a Senior Archivist and received a tutorial on how every American citizen could access the records in the Archives.

Meetings held in the Republic of Korea focused on information exchange, analysis and progress reports. U.S. representatives also visited the No Gun Ri bridge site and met with survivors group representatives. U.S. Review Team members never saw the national archives in the Republic of Korea.

Follow-on meetings between the two working groups discussed the specifics of the events that were alleged to have occurred and reviewed the information that had been gathered by both teams. Analytical discussions were conducted during each meeting. The primary effort for each meeting was clarifying and understanding the facts surrounding the events that occurred during the period.

### **III. Document Exchanges**

The Teams exchanged documents throughout the review period. These documents fell into three categories.

1. Archival information. The information included unit war diaries, operation orders, overlays and other relevant military documents. A list of documents provided by the U.S. Review Team to the ROK Review Team is listed in Tab 2. Documents not included in this list were also given to the ROK Review Team during Working Group meetings.

2. U.S. and Korean Witness Statements.

3. General Information. Information in this category included information papers, briefings, overhead reconnaissance film and other documents.

### **IV. Information Exchange**

U.S. information requests critical to the review were forwarded through formal channels over the signature of the Inspector General or the Chief of Inspections Division, Department of the Army Inspector General.

For the most part, requests for information were coordinated between the two working groups. In many cases, the U.S. Review Team provided archival information, within days of a request to the ROK Review Team if it existed and was available. Every effort was made to provide the ROK Review Team with primary source information. The U.S. Review Team did not receive archival primary source information from its counterpart despite requests for the material.

The U.S. Review Team ensured that the ROK Review Team had access to information available in the archives. A historian from the ROK Review Team visited the National Archives and Records Administration II (NARA II), College Park, Maryland, on two separate occasions. He had access to the U.S. Research Team documents developed by the Research Team, and all documents maintained by NARA II. One visit was for a two-week period.

There were differences in the quality and nature of the materials provided by the ROK Review Team during the exchange. The U.S. Review Team

received summaries of information without citations to sources, descriptions of ROK investigative methods, conclusions without supporting information or analysis and some photographs and diagrams of reconstructions of the event. The U.S. Review Team did, on occasion, request clarification of ROK Review Team methods and conclusions. Despite the turn around time on these requests due to research time and translation requirements, the responses still did not meet the standards and rigor used by the U.S. Review Team in their work.

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### **Tab 1**

#### **Review Coordination**

Oct 29, 99:	ROK-U.S. Review Team Working Group meeting in ROK: bilateral discussions; site visit; meet survivors group representatives
Nov 12, 99	Survivors group representatives visit U. S. and meet Department of Defense officials
Dec 14, 99	Inspector General Review Team visit to ROK; bilateral discussions
Jan 10-14, 00	Secretary of Army, Office Secretary of Defense Steering Group, Outside Experts visit ROK; meet with survivors group representatives
Feb 23, 00	ROK-U.S. Bilateral Coordinating Group meeting in Washington, D.C.
Apr 16-20, 00	Inspector General Review Team trip to ROK; bilateral discussions; information exchange; site visit; meet with survivors group representatives
May 2-3, 00	ROK-U.S. Outside Experts' bilateral meetings in Washington, D.C.
Jul 31, 00	ROK-U.S. Working Group meeting in ROK on "joint core facts"
Aug 10, 00	United States Outside Experts Meeting on "joint core facts"
Sep 27-29, 00	ROK-U.S. Review Team meeting in Washington, D.C. on Statement of Mutual Understandings
Oct 17, 00	U.S. Outside Experts Meeting on Statement of Mutual Understandings
Nov 3, 00	ROK-U.S. Review Team meeting in Washington, D.C. on Statement of Mutual Understandings

Nov 6, 00	ROK-U.S. Bilateral Coordinating Group meeting in Washington, D.C.
Dec 6 and 7, 00	Steering Group Meeting in ROK

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### **Tab 2**

#### **Documents Provided to the ROK Review Team<sup>1</sup>**

U.S. Official History of the Korean War

Eighth U. S. Army Combat Info Bulletin, No. 1  
Eighth U. S. Army Korea War Diary (20 Jul - 30 Aug 50)  
Eighth U. S. Army Periodic Intelligence Report #8, 20 Jul 50  
Eighth U. S. Army Korea Procedures Order, subject: Control and Movement of  
Refugees  
Eighth U. S. Army Korea G-2 Instructions, subject: Control and Movement of  
Refugees

1st Cavalry Division War Diary, 25 Jun – 31 Jul 50  
1st Cavalry Division G-2 Activities Report, Jul 50  
1st Cavalry Division G-3 Activities Report, Jul 50  
1st Cavalry Division Table of Organization (TOE)  
1st Cavalry Division Periodic Intelligence Reports  
1st Cavalry Division G-2 Monthly Narrative, 25 Jun - 31 Jul 50  
1st Cavalry Division Headquarters Activities Report, Jul 50  
1st Cavalry Division, Letter of Instruction, subject: Control and Movement of  
Refugees  
1st Cavalry Division memorandum, 10 Aug 50, subject: Shooting of Prisoners of  
War by South Koreans  
History of 1st Cavalry Division

5th Cavalry War Diary, 1-31 Jul 50  
5th Cavalry Summary, 1-31 Jul 50  
5th Cavalry Battalions Journals, 23-30 Jul 50

7th Cavalry War Diaries  
7th Cavalry Regiment Battalions' War Diaries  
7th Cavalry Regiment Battalion Journals

8th Cavalry War Diaries  
8th Cavalry Regiment Battalions' War Diaries  
8th Cavalry Regiment Battalion Journals

15th Medical Battalion War Diary

24th Infantry Division War Diaries

25th Infantry Division In Action Report, Jul 50  
25th Infantry Division War Diaries

27th Regiment (25th Infantry Division Activities Report, Jul 50

Messages and Memos of 25th Infantry Division

Summary of 24th Infantry Division War Diary, 23 Jul – 25 Aug 50

27th Infantry S-2 Activities Report, Jul 50

H Company, 2-7th Infantry Christmas dinner menus

Infantry Battalion Table of Organization (7-15 N, 16 Apr 48)  
Infantry Regiment Table of Organization (7-11N, 21 Apr 48)  
Regiment Organization, 1950

U.S. Air Force - Final Recapitulation of Report/Summary of Air Operations for 26  
July 1950 - 30 July 1950

5th Air Force Mission Report Summaries 25 - 31 Jul 50

3d Bomb Group Mission Reports 11, 25, 26, 28, 29 Jul 50

39th Fighter Squadron Mission Reports 9 - 31 Jul 50

8th Fighter Squadron Mission Reports

9th Fighter Squadron Mission Reports 11, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31 Jul 50

U.S. Map Series 6722, 1:50,000 (I, II)  
U.S. Map Series 6822, 1:50,000 (III, IV)

Records regarding duties of Korean National Police  
Translated Republic of Korea Political Reports  
Periodic status of documentary research

Site Photos

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<sup>1</sup> This is not an all-inclusive list. Additional documents were provided by the U.S. Review Team to the ROK Review Team during working group meetings, during the time spent by the ROK Review Team researcher at NARA II examining U. S. Team documents; and other materials as requested (i.e. unit morning reports).